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# **New MIA Program Manager/Agent**

On June 23rd the Alaska Department of Community and Economic Development announced that Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc. of Anchorage was the successful proposer of 5 proposers to operate the Made In Alaska Program. A contract was signed on August 9, 2000 and Webb's immediately started providing services to permit holders and applicants.

Bill Webb serves as Made In Alaska Program Manager/Agent and Diana Arthur serves as Program Administrator. The company was formed in January of 1998 and has provided various consulting and advertising services to several Alaska businesses. The company has operated An-





chorage's Downtown Saturday and Wednesday Markets the past two seasons and will continue to do so for the foreseeable future. Many Made In Alaska Permit Holders have worked with Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc. as Vendors in Saturday Market or Wednesday Market.

Bill Webb is president and owner of Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc. He is a twenty-five year resident of Alaska and has provided many quality services to Alaska businesses and residents. Diana Arthur joined the company in April 1999 and serves as Administrative Manager. She has over 5 years of successful marketing and administrative experience in Alaska.

The management plans section of Webb's proposal opened with... "Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc. will take an aggressive but cost conscious approach to management of the Made In Alaska program. We will employ professional methods that are planned and well thought out prior to implementation. We see our relationship with the MIA Program as one that will live...breath...and grow... a process of continuous improvement over many years. Our efforts will be designed to insure that the number of Made In Alaska products registered with the program and the visibility of Made In Alaska products to residents and visitors is substantially and continually increased."

## **New Price For Labels**

Made In Alaska Labels are now available from Webb's Consulting & Management Services, Inc. and have been substantially reduced in price. Two sizes are available in rolls of 1,000 labels. Labels have black background and cub with choice of white, gold or silver mother bear and border. The smaller size is ½" square and costs \$12.50 per roll. The larger size is 7/8" wide by 1" tall and sells for \$15.00 per roll. Postage & handing are included in price. An order form is enclosed with this newsletter and a check or money order must accompany the order.

Those permit holders wishing to print the Made In Alaska logo on their own tags, business cards, letterhead or other items may do so and we will be happy to Email you or your printer the Made In Alaska logo in TIFF format. We have included black and whit logo slicks for use in this issue of Bear Necessities.

### **Enforcement**

It is essential that the Made In Alaska Label's integrity be maintained. We will vigorously enforce proper use of the label by certified permit holders only. Any violations regarding the use of the Made In Alaska logo or labels should be reported to Made In Alaska Program Manager immediately.

Made In Alaska is only able to enforce use of the logo and labels. We recognize there are other issues regarding sale of Alaska Made Products VS. foreign imports. While we are not able to stop imports we will do our



best to provide permit holders with information regarding copyright and patent protections and enforcements that may be of use to you. Also, we will be happy to include discussion of "knock-offs" in our conversations with retailers, distributors, wholesalers and others. These issues will be appropriate for discussion at our workshops.

### **Renewals of Permits**

The prior agent mailed renewals due in July 2000 or earlier. We have mailed out August, September, October and November renewals as well as reminders to those whose year 2000 renewal payments are still overdue. If you have not received notice of renewal and think that yours is now due or overdue; call Diana at 272-5634 to verify your status. In the future we will mail out renewals about 45 days prior to their due dates.

In the near future each new or renewal permit will be issued a colorful certificate detailing their certification as a Made In Alaska product/manufacturer. We encourage you to frame and display this certificate.

### **Advertising & Promotion**

Webb's will use every opportunity to promote the Made In Alaska program. We will notify community groups and media when one of our staff will be in the vicinity for workshops or other business activity, and request the opportunity to explain and promote the program. We will attend and participate in selected trade shows and other public gatherings. Frequent press releases will be faxed drawing attention of the media and public to the program, our permit holders and their unique Made In Alaska products.

<u>Bear Necessities</u>, the Made In Alaska newsletter will be mailed to retailers and other interested parties in addition to permit holders. If you know of someone who should be on our mailing list, send us their name and address. We encourage permit holders to let us know when a new product is ready for market so that we can help with the introduction via the newsletter, media visits and press releases.

We will print and distribute statewide rack cards and/or brochures explaining the program and meaning of the MIA Label to residents and visitors. We will maintain the new MIA web page and encourage use by linking the page to other organizations that receive many visitors, i.e. ACVB, Chambers of Commerce, Alliance, Anchorage Daily News, Milepost, State's web site and others that will allow a link at low or no charge.

We will use our operation of Downtown Saturday Market as an opportunity to promote Made In Alaska Program by providing signs designating booths that are all Made In Alaska Certified Products as such, and providing point of sale MIA Signs for individual certified MIA Products. We will distribute Made In Alaska rack cards & brochures to market attendees (usually 10,000-20,000 people per Saturday attend).

We welcome your ideas for cost effective ways to promote MADE IN ALASKA products. This will be a subject at the workshops as well (see next page).

# Made In Alaska Workshops This Winter

One-on-one communication, in person and via telephone, with permit holders will be a priority under our stewardship. Our permit holders will best know what parts of the MIA Program are or are not working and can relay this valuable information to us so that changes or enhancements can be made in the program that will better serve the needs of permit holders. The final proof of success will be increased sale of Made In Alaska products and only our permit holders can help us gauge this success.

To increase one-on-one communication we will hold 12 workshops in selected cities statewide in our first year. These cities will allow about 90% of MIA Permit Holders to attend should they choose to participate. A \$10 per person fee will be charged each workshop participation to pay for the room, beverages and snack. Workshops will be about 3 hours in duration, include program information, discussion of current issues regarding the Made In Alaska program, information about additional resources available to permit holders and discussion groups regarding increasing the value of the program and suggested changes and improvements.

Reservations and prepaid fee of \$10 are required (Reservation form included in this newsletter). Should we exceed maximum capacity of room, additional sessions will be added in afternoon and/or next day when possible. Remaining time while in area will be used visiting with media, permit holders and retailers. Suggestions and introductions by permit holders will be helpful and appreciated. Following is workshop schedule:

**Anchorage** -Monday, November 6, 2000 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Session) and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Session). Maximum 100 per session. Held at the Hawthorne Suites Hotel at 8<sup>th</sup> & L Streets.

**Homer** - Monday, November 13, 2000 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at Lands End Resort.

**Kenai & Soldotna** – Wednesday, November 15, 2000 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at Mykel's Restaurant, 35041 Kenai Spur Highway. Maximum 50.

**Seward** – Friday, November 17, 2000 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at the Breeze Inn Restaurant on the Harbor front.

Fairbanks – Monday, December 4, 2000 from 8:30 AM

to 12:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Session) and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Session). (Maximum 75 per Session) Held at Westmark Fairbanks Hotel in Gold Room, 813 Noble Street.

**Delta** – Wednesday, December 6, 2000 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at the City Hall in Conference Room.

**Valdez** – Friday, December 8, 2000 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at the Westmark Valdez Hotel.

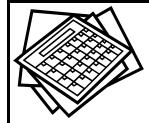
**Ketchikan** – Monday, January 8, 2001 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at the Best Western Landing Hotel.

**Sitka** – Wednesday, January 10, 2001 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at the Westmark Shee Atika Hotel, 330 Seward Street in the Council Room.

**Juneau** – Friday, January 12, 2001 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Held at the Baranof Hotel, 127 N. Franklin Street in the Treadwell Room.

**Mat-Su Valley** – Tuesday, January 16, 2001 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Session) and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Session). Held at the Gold Miners Hotel/Denali Steak House, 918 S. Colony Way in Palmer (Maximum 75 per session).

**Anchorage** – Friday, January 19, 2001 from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM (1<sup>st</sup> Session) and 1:30 PM to 5:00 PM (2<sup>nd</sup> Session). Maximum 100 per session. Held in the Ballroom in the Marriott Downtown Hotel at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue between H & I Streets.



We are currently working on a calendar for all permit holders of events statewide that may be of interest to them. This will include shows, fairs, celebra-

tions and other events that allow sale of handicrafts or produced Made In Alaska items. We ask that all permit holders let us know of events to be held in your area of the state during year 2001 for inclusion in the calendar. Send us details of the event including name, type of event, date or dates, location, sponsor or promoter's name and phone number.

### **FEATURED NEW PERMIT HOLDERS!**

*Introducing Accu-Flight Inc.*- Home of the full motion flight simulator....Motion Simulators that launch tomorrow... today!

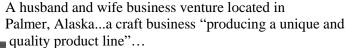
"Somewhere over enemy territory...You are leaking oil, losing altitude and your windshield is riddled with bullet holes. TO make matters worse you've lost your wingman and your deep in enemy territory...and – you're having the time of your LIFE!!!!! Welcome to Accu-Flight!"....... "The end—all and be-all of full motion simulators, where you fly the missions, you make the life and death split-second decisions and you are in the ever changing action. Fly against real people, not computer generated, predictable enemies. Your skill and cunning versus an enemy just as determined to win as you are...are you up to the challenge?"



Accu-Flight has **SIMCADE'S**, "The Ultimate in Flight Entertainment", at both the Northway and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Malls in Anchorage. For more information call (907) 243-1580.

These Accu-Flight simulators are designed and manufactured in Anchorage, at the Northway Mall, in a facility behind the **SIMCADE** retail store.

### **Shelter Cove Woodcrafters**





In the spring of 2000 Randy and Debbie Lorenz were offered some scrap purple hart, a hard wood they'd never worked with before. They quickly found it was a good compliment to red oak and began experimenting. After a Fed-Ex hosted aviation seminar, where Ed overheard several individuals discussing how neat it would be to have desk models of various aircraft instrument panels, the idea for their product emerged.

The first Cessna aircraft instrument panel was decorative but not entirely functional, however the second design combined concepts and functioned as either a clock or business card holder. Since the idea of the instrument panel was first born, The Lorenz's have added bookends and a weather station to their product line. For more information or to contact Shelter Cove Woodcrafters, phone (907) 745-4772. You may also find their products at Forget-Me-Not Crafters in Wasilla.

Scan and use these logos for product tags, business cards, etc.









## PRODUCTS DISPLAY IN DCED OFFICES

Permit holders interested in having a sample of their product displayed in Senator Ted Stevens' Washington DC office and the Alaska Department of Community & Economic Development Commissioner's Offices in Juneau and Anchorage, may mail or fax a picture or description of their item(s) to Patricia Newman at 907-269-8125 or DCED 550 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 1770 Anchorage, Alaska 99501.

The DCED is in the process of expanding the Made In Alaska product walls and would like to provide an opportunity for increased visibility of Made In Alaska products. From the pictures received, products will be chosen by their ability to best illustrate the wide variety of products represented by the MIA program. Becky Beck says the DCED will follow-up with a call or fax to per-

mit holders with products that are a good fit for the wall, in addition to making contact with those permit holders whose products aren't chosen, with a brief description explaining why. She says all products will be kept in mind for future displays.

A few things to keep in mind when considering your product for the display wall:

- Shelf space is limited. Products fitting into an 8" X 10" X
   4" space will work best.
- Items will be used indefinitely for the display and will not be returned to the Permit Holder.
- The display walls use open shelves and expensive items are discouraged.

If your product is export ready and you

would like to market it internationally, the Department of Community and Economic Development also has Alaska product display walls in their contract offices in Tokyo, Japan and Seoul, Korea. Companies that are export ready are businesses operating a minimum of three years, currently selling successfully to the Alaska or nationwide market, and able to produce large quantities to meet market demands.

In the event that your product is chosen for the display wall, you may want to provide the DCED with 10 of your business cards to be kept on file. Although increased sales cannot be guaranteed, there are many people coming in and out of all the offices each day and we don't want you to miss a sales opportunity.



#### MADE IN ALASKA SEMINAR REGISTRATION

Please note there is a \$10 per person fee for each seminar, to cover facility and refreshment costs. Space is limited and registration is done on a first come first serve basis; we encourage you to sign up early.

**YES** I would like to attend a MADE IN ALASKA Permit Holders Seminar in the following location: (see schedule on page 2 and circle the number of the seminar you will be attending)

- 1. Anchorage AM (November 6, 2000)
- 2. Anchorage PM (November 6. 2000)
- 3. Homer (November 13, 2000)
- 4. Kenai Soldotna (November 15, 2000)
- 5. Seward (November 17, 2000)
- 6. Fairbanks AM (December 4, 2000)
- 7. Fairbanks PM (December 4, 2000)
- 8. Delta (December 6, 2000)

- 9. Valdez (December 8, 2000)
- 10. Ketchikan (January 8, 2001)
- 11. Sitka (January 10, 2001)
- 12. Juneau (January 12, 2001)
- 13. Mat-Su Valley AM (January 16, 2001)
- 14. Mat-Su Valley PM (January 16, 2001)
- 15. Anchorage AM (January 19, 2001)
- 16. Anchorage PM (January 19, 2001)

Name:		Business Name:		
Address:		City/State/Zip:		
Phone:	Permit #:	Number of attendees:	at \$10 each = \$	_ enclosed.

#### **FYI**

Each quarter we will issue a newsletter to all program permit holders, potential permit holders, retailers, government officials and other interested parties. We encourage permit holders to submit information for publication that may be of interest to other permit holders or readers. Information should be mailed or faxed to Made In Alaska office.

### WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW PERMIT HOLDERS!

Funscrubs

Leesa Arnes

Anchorage, AK

907-337-4346

Permit # 4717

Dee's Artistry

Deirdre Miller

907-522-5800

Permit # 4718

Floral & Gardening

Anchorage, AK

Medical Scrubs

JKD Pottery/JKD Enterprises
Kathleen Dupertuis
Thorne Bay, AK
907-828-3953
Permit # 4701/4715
Pottery/Woodcrafts
Standard Register
Sandy Horning
Anchorage, AK
907-277-0080
Permit # 4701/4715
Permit # 4709
Prints/Note Cards

Mat-Su MagicAlaska R&C CommunicationsSara HardyScott RomineWasilla, AKAnchorage, AK907-376-1289907-333-1044Permit # 4702/4721/4722Permit # 4710Dream catchers/Jewelry,etc.MARSH-RAT Boats

Shelter Cove Woodcrafters Accu Flight Joan's Attic Randy Lorenz Chris Joens Joan Wallrich Palmer, AK Anchorage, AK Anchorage, AK 907-745-4772 907-243-1580 907-248-6456 Permit # 4719 Permit # 4703 Permit # 4711 Aircraft Instrument Panel Desk Set Combat Flight Simulators Misc. Home Decor

Gotta Have It Northern Lights Bath/Body/Home Sledge Co. Derri Gallion Yvonne Williams Hubert Sledge North Pole, AK Anchorage, AK Anchorage, AK 907-488-4052 907-227-2983 907-563-2230 Permit # 4704/4705 Permit # 4712 Permit # 4720 Bath Products/Candles Portable Soil Remediation Unit Baby Blankets

Alaska Nugget Jewelers Taiga Totems Décor Photography Michelle Reichert Marcia Holt Steve Kelly North Pole, AK Nikiski, AK Wasilla, AK 907-776-8354 907-488-2463 907-373-3931 Permit # 4723 Permit # 4706 Permit # 4713 Polymer Clay & Wood Art Figures Gold Nugget Jewelry Wild Alaska Screen Saver

Yukon & Katmai Snax/Garnet Ent. Clearly Alaskan Sally McMahan-Pollen Vera Delgado Charlotte Whiteley Palmer, AK 907-745-8920 Anchorage, AK Fairbanks, AK 907-245-1332 907-457-2995 Permit # 4724 Permit # 4707 Permit # 4714 Papa Was A Bush Pilot-Book Dog & Cat Treats Glycerin Soaps

Fleece & More Changing Tides, Inc. Alaskan Wilderness Wines Gwen Eichholz Jan Nardone Steven Thompson Fairbanks, AK Skagway, AK Kodiak, AK 907-455-7080 907-983-3349 907-486-1420 Permit # 4725 Permit # 4716 Permit # 4708 Outerwear Fleece, Etc.

Fruit Wines

Needlepoint & Cross Stitch Kits

### "New Permit Holders" Continued

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Redington Enterprises						
Joseph Redington Jr.	Joyce Getchell					
Manley Hot Springs, AK	Nikiski, AK					
907-672-3412	907-776-5285					
Permit # 4732	Permit # 4742					
Caribou antler, birch bark, quill art	Stained glass					
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Fancy Free Designs	Alaska Dreams & Things					
Brenda Mallison	Shelly Loper					
Anchorage, AK	Chugiak, AK					
907-274-3645	907-688-6243					
Permit # 4733	Permit # 4743					
Sculptured flower watches, Bead Jewelr	y Fleece Items,etc					
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Winter Frost/The Billikin Group	Alaskan Images & Graphics					
Michelle Crosswhite	Diane Dusek					
Anchorage, AK	Big Lake, AK					
907-344-7502	907-892-7288					
Permit # 4734	Permit # 4744/4745					
Bottled Water	Wood Clocks/Fabric Arts					
Ryan's Woodworking's	Little Wee Brrrs					
Ryan Dickent	Rene' Weber					
Anchorage, AK	Palmer, AK					
907-243-6841	907-357-0744					
Pernit # 4735	Permit # 4731					
Wood designs/scroll saw & lathe	Christmas Ornaments					
The Ivory Cache	Cold & Deep Seafoods					
Michael Barnes	Brian Kelly					
Anchorage, AK	Ketchikan, AK					
907-333-3759	907-755-2247					
Permit # 4736 – 4740	Permit # 4741					
	Redington Enterprises Joseph Redington Jr. Manley Hot Springs, AK 907-672-3412 Permit # 4732 Caribou antler, birch bark, quill art  Fancy Free Designs Brenda Mallison Anchorage, AK 907-274-3645 Permit # 4733 Sculptured flower watches, Bead Jewelr  Winter Frost/The Billikin Group Michelle Crosswhite Anchorage, AK 907-344-7502 Permit # 4734 Bottled Water  Ryan's Woodworking's Ryan Dickent Anchorage, AK 907-243-6841 Pernit # 4735 Wood designs/scroll saw & lathe  The Ivory Cache Michael Barnes Anchorage, AK 907-333-3759					



#### MADE IN ALASKA LABEL ORDER FORM

Smoked Alaska salmon

MADE IN ALASKA Post Office Box 102440, Anchorage, AK 99510-2440 **Please send me the following:** 

Small @ \$12.50 Roll	# Rolls	Amount	Large @ \$15.00 Roll	# Rolls	Amount
Gold & Black		\$	Gold & Black		\$
Silver & Black		\$	Silver & Black		\$
Black & White		\$	Black & White		\$

Fossil/Antler carvings, baskets, etc.

Total Enclosed: \$	(Make check or money order payable to "State of Alaska".		
Name:	Business Name:		
Address:	City/State/Zip:		
Phone:	MIA Permit #:		

Each roll contains 1,000 labels. Small are 1/4" x 1/4" and large are 7/8" x 1". Price includes postage & handling.

Labels are also available for pick-up, during business hours, at 825 West 8th Ave., Suite 203 in Anchorage.

Permit #93

**DAID** 

Presorted Standard US Postage



# Module on the Move

Workers roll an 830ton diesel generator module onto a barge at the North Star Terminal and Stevedore Co. in Anchorage. The module, along with a second, was offloaded in Kivalina and rolled to the Red Dog Mine, northeast of Kotzebue. The modules are being used for expanded production at Red Dog, the world's largest zine mine.

Photo courtesy of Bill Roth, Anchorage Daily News